## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	N I	Force	<b>V</b>	Discourt.	П	U.S.
Kevin O'Connor (Int)		Team # 2	201403575	-	Abuse	<u></u> ✓	O.L.	_	Injury
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Thursday, 04/10/2014 7:30 PM		Lafayette Avenue and (43rd Precinct Stationho			43	10	0/10/2015	10	/10/2015
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess						
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command						
1. POM Eric Healy	11799	947069	043 PCT						
2. POM Gregory Kennedy	26842	948364	043 PCT						
3. An officer									
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name						
1. SGT Williams Jeanbaptiste	04200	926992	043 PCT						
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	stiga	ator Recor	nme	ndation
A.POM Gregory Kennedy		O Gregory Kennedy sto Avenue and Castle Hil		at 1x.					
B.POM Eric Healy		O Eric Healy stopped <sup>§ §</sup> Avenue and Castle Hil							
C.POM Eric Healy		O Eric Healy frisked <sup>§ 87</sup> Avenue and Castle Hil		ıx.					
D.POM Gregory Kennedy	number t	O Gregory Kennedy ref o \$87(2)(b) at La nue in the Bronx.	used to provide his safayette Avenue and						
E. An officer	Force: A	n officer used physical f at Lafayette Avenue a			the				
F.POM Gregory Kennedy	§ 87(2)(b)	guage: PO Gregory Ken based upon r Stationhouse.	nedy made remarks ace en route to the 4						
G.POM Gregory Kennedy	Force: P( § 87(2)(b)	O Gregory Kennedy use at the 43rd Pred	d a chokehold agains cinct Stationhouse.	st					
H.POM Eric Healy	Discourte	esy: PO Eric Healy spok at the 43rd Precinct St		87(2)(	b)				
I.POM Gregory Kennedy	Abuse: P	O Gregory Kennedy iss	ued a summons to §8	37(2)(b)					

## **Case Summary**

her son,	On April 15, 2014, \$87(2)(6) called the CCRB and filed a complaint on behalf of and his uncle, \$87(2)(6) (encl. 5A-B).
	On April 10, 2014, at approximately 7:30 p.m., \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were to a bank at the intersection of Castle Hill Avenue and Lafayette Avenue in the Bronx sey were stopped by PO Gregory Kennedy and PO Eric Healy. The following allegations:
•	Allegation A- Abuse of Authority: PO Gregory Kennedy stopped  Lafayette Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx.  Allegation B- Abuse of Authority: PO Eric Healy stopped  Lafayette Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx.  Allegation C- Abuse of Authority: PO Eric Healy frisked  S87(2)(b)  at  Lafayette Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx.  S87(2)(b) \$87(2)(g)
•	Allegation D- Abuse of Authority: PO Gregory Kennedy refused to provide his shield number to state at Lafayette Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx.  § 87(2)(b). § 87(2)(g)
•	Allegation E- Force: An officer used physical force against \$ 87(2)(b) at Lafayette Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx.  8 87(2)(b). \$ 87(2)(g)
•	Allegation F- Offensive Language: PO Gregory Kennedy made remarks to based upon race en route to the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct Stationhouse.  Allegation G- Force: PO Gregory Kennedy used a chokehold against at the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct Stationhouse.  Allegation H- Discourtesy: PO Eric Healy spoke discourteously to sat the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct Stationhouse.
	Allegation I- Abuse of Authority: PO Gregory Kennedy issued a summons to  § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)  8 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)

This case was not eligible for mediation.

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### **Results of Investigation**

Victim: § 87(2)(b)
• At the time of the incident, \$87(2)(b) was a year-old black man, \$87(2)(b)
§ 87(2)(b)
at the time of the incident.
<u>Civilian Statement</u>
was interviewed at the CCRB on April 28, 2014 (encl. 7A-M).
On April 10, 2014, at approximately 7:30 p.m., \$87(2)(6) left his home, located at \$87(2)
in the Bronx, and began to walk to the bank with his \$87(2)(b) old nephew,
was wearing a black hoodie, red velour pants and black boots.
s pants did not have a strap or a drawstring to make his pants tighter and they
repeatedly slipped down, requiring him to pull his pants up approximately four or five times.
After walking for approximately 12 minutes, \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) reached the
intersection of Castle Hill Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, across the street from the bank.
and §87(2)(b) did not stop at any point on their way to the bank, were not having a
conversation and did not interact with any other individuals.
observed a silver or grey sedan traveling down Castle Hill Avenue towards
Lafayette Avenue. § 87(2)(0) pulled his pants up one time when the vehicle was driving past
him and §87(2)(b) After passing by the two men, the vehicle made a u-turn and pulled up
alongside them. §87(2)(b) saw two plainclothes officers, identified via investigation as PO
Gregory Kennedy and PO Eric Healy, inside of the vehicle (See enclosures for descriptions).
PO Kennedy asked \$87(2)(b) if he was just pulling up his pants and \$87(2)(b)
replied that he was. PO Kennedy told \$87(2)(b) that people carry guns in that area and \$27(3)
asked if it was crime to pull up his pants. §87(2)(b) asked PO Kennedy what he was so
excited about and PO Kennedy told 887(2)(b) "I ain't no rookie cop." PO Kennedy then got in
s face, threw him against the gate of a church, and placed \$87(2)(b) s right arm
behind his back.
A navy blue vehicle arrived at the scene and two uniformed officers, PO3 and PO4, who
remain unidentified and \$87(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(a) and \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) and \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) and \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) and \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) and \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black, approached \$7(2)(b) described as men that were not black as the following that the second states are not black as the following that the second states are not black as the sec
and \$87(2)(b) Either PO3 or PO4 pushed \$87(2)(b) against the gate once before PO Healy, PO3 and PO4 grabbed \$87(2)(b) and placed his hands behind his back.
observed \$87(2)(6) resist arrest by moving from side to side, but did not see or hear
any further interaction between \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ and any officer.
and any officer.  §87(2)(b) asked PO Kennedy why he was being arrested and asked him for his badge
number. PO Kennedy told \$87(2)(b) that he would give him his badge number, but never did
so. \$87(2)(b) was then placed in handcuffs and thrown to the ground by PO Kennedy.
denied resisting arrest at any point. PO Kennedy stepped on \$87(2)(b) s back once,
which § 87(2)(b) described as just a step and not a stomp or forceful maneuver.
and \$87(2)(b) were then transported to the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct by PO Kennedy
and PO Healy. At the front desk, \$87(2)(6) made "smart" comments to PO Kennedy and in
response, PO Kennedy placed one of his hands over \$87(2)(6) s face, covering his eyes, nose,
and mouth, and held it there for approximately five seconds. \$87(2)(b) could not breathe as PO
Kennedy held his hand over \$87(2)(b) s face, which he did two times. Approximately 10 to 15
uniformed officers that \$87(2)(b) could not describe witnessed the incident.
was then placed in a cell and held for approximately two hours before he was
released with a summons for disorderly conduct. §87(2)(b) sustained cuts and scrapes to both
knees and both wrists but did not seek medical treatment in regard to his injuries.

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<u>Victim</u> : § 87(2)(b)
• At the time of the incident, \$87(2)(b) was a \$87(2)(b) -old black man, \$87(2)(b)
• \$87(2)(b) at the time of this incident.
<u>Civilian Statement</u>
was interviewed at the CCRB on April 28, 2014 (encl. 8A-F). His
testimony was consistent with \$87(2)(b) s with discrepancies mentioned below:
observed \$87(2)(b) continually adjust his pants because they were
falling down. Upon reaching the intersection of Lafayette Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue, PO
Healy and PO Kennedy pulled up alongside the two men. PO Kennedy asked \$87(2)(b) three or
four times if he had a gun and \$87(2)(b) did not respond. \$87(2)(b) then made a comment
that \$87(2)(b) could not recall to PO Kennedy, who exited the vehicle and said, "Who are
you talking to like that? I ain't no fucking rookie cop."
PO Healy also exited the vehicle and told \$87(2)(5) to stand to the side before asking
him twice if he had any weapons. §87(2)(b) did not respond. PO Healy then placed §27(2)(b)
against a gate and frisked his arms and legs. §87(2)(b) also observed §87(2)(b)
arms and legs being frisked by PO Kennedy.
A marked patrol vehicle arrived at the scene and two additional officers, PO3 and PO4,
who could only be described as two white men, approached \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) One
of the officers assisted PO Healy in handcuffing \$87(2)(b) and the other assisted PO
Kennedy in handcuffing \$87(2)(6) After he was handcuffed, PO Healy and the assisting office
attempted to bring \$87(2)(b) squatted down and said, "I'm
not going to the ground." \$87(2)(b) did not resist further.
was then lifted up and thrown to the ground by an officer who he could
not see and landed face down on the ground. \$87(2)(b) saw \$87(2)(b) on the ground and
saw PO Kennedy step on his back once. \$87(2)(b) did not observe \$87(2)(b) s arrest.
\$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were then transported to the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct. On the way to
the stationhouse, PO Kennedy began to curse and \$87(2)(b) asked him why he was cursing.
PO Kennedy reached back and grabbed \$87(2)(0) by the hood of his sweatshirt and said, "I
don't know why you niggers think you're fucking lawyers."
At the stationhouse, \$87(2)(b) was not answering questions and was talking back to the officers, which prompted PO Kennedy to grab \$87(2)(b) by the front of his neck and lift him
up. PO Kennedy held this grip for five to ten seconds and \$87(2)(b) observed that \$
s breath was shortened as a result.
was placed in a juvenile room and chained to a bench where he was held
for approximately two hours before PO Healy entered the room and told him, "Get your shit on.
Your uncle is waiting for you." [857(2)(6)] was then released without a summons or desk
appearance ticket. §87(2)(b) sustained a small cut to one of his wrists from the handcuffs and
did not seek medical treatment as a result.
NYPD Statements:
Subject Officer: POLICE OFFICER GREGORY KENNEDY
At the time of the incident, PO Kennedy was a \$87(2)(b)
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Page 4 CCRB Case # 201403575 • PO Kennedy worked from 6 p.m. on April 10, 2014 until 2:35 a.m. the following day. He was assigned to Anti-Crime and worked with PO Eric Healy. They were assigned to unmarked patrol vehicle number 1410 and were in plainclothes.

#### Memo Book (Encl. 13A-B)

At 7:35 p.m., a summons was issued to \$87(2)(b) for disorderly conduct.

#### CCRB Testimony (Encl. 15A-D)

PO Kennedy was interviewed at the CCRB on August 1, 2014.

On April 10, 2014, at approximately 7:35 p.m., PO Kennedy observed was a suspicious bulge on the right side of his waistband, which PO Kennedy thought looked like a gun.

was holding his waistband, which PO Kennedy believed was an effort to conceal the object at his waistband. It appeared as if \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ had something protruding from his waistband, which was then covered by his shirt, so the bulge was of no discernable size. However, the bulge was large enough so that when \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ was walking while cradling the bulge, so it was difficult to determine an exact shape or size. \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2}\$ did not make any suspicious movements.

After approximately 30 seconds, PO Kennedy and PO Healy approached \$87(2)(b) and with the intention of confirming that \$87(2)(b) was not concealing a firearm. PO Kennedy identified himself as a police officer and asked \$87(2)(b) to remove his hand from his waistband. \$87(2)(b) became agitated, refused to remove his hand from his waistband, and began screaming and protesting the officers' decision to stop him. He yelled, "You're not allowed to stop, question and frisk anymore," and "You have no reason to stop me." PO Healy spoke to but PO Kennedy could not hear their conversation. PO Kennedy did not tell \$87(2)(b) and "I ain't no fucking rookie cop."

s behavior caused multiple people to gather around the situation to watch and multiple vehicles were stopping to observe the encounter. It was therefore determined by PO Kennedy that \$\frac{\$37(2)(5)}{2}\$ would be removed to the precinct for disorderly conduct. PO Kennedy was unable to recall \$\frac{\$67(2)(5)}{2}\$ s behavior during the incident.

PO Kennedy began to fear for his safety and handcuffed [87(2)(b)] but did not throw against a gate. [87(2)(b)] flailed his arms while being placed in handcuffs, and PO Kennedy grabbed [87(2)(b)] s arms and placed them behind his back to handcuff him. [87(2)(b)] was also handcuffed, but PO Kennedy did not see the handcuffing process or know the reason for which [87(2)(b)] was handcuffed. PO Kennedy did not observe PO Healy pick [87(2)(b)] up off the ground and throw him back onto the ground. PO Kennedy did not throw [87(2)(b)] to the ground and did not step on his back.

PO Kennedy frisked \$87(2)(b) s waistband for officer safety and determined the bulge to be a cell phone. He could not recall the type of cell phone or how large it was. \$87(2)(b) continued to yell and act disorderly. PO Kennedy did not know whether PO Healy frisked \$200.

did not request PO Kennedy's badge number. Uniformed officers from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct, who PO Kennedy could not identify, drove past the location and stopped to see if everything was okay, but they had no interaction with \$87(2)(5) or \$87(2)(5)

and \$87(2)(b) were transported to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct in the officers' unmarked sedan. PO Kennedy did not recall why \$87(2)(b) was transported to the stationhouse, as that was PO Healy's decision.

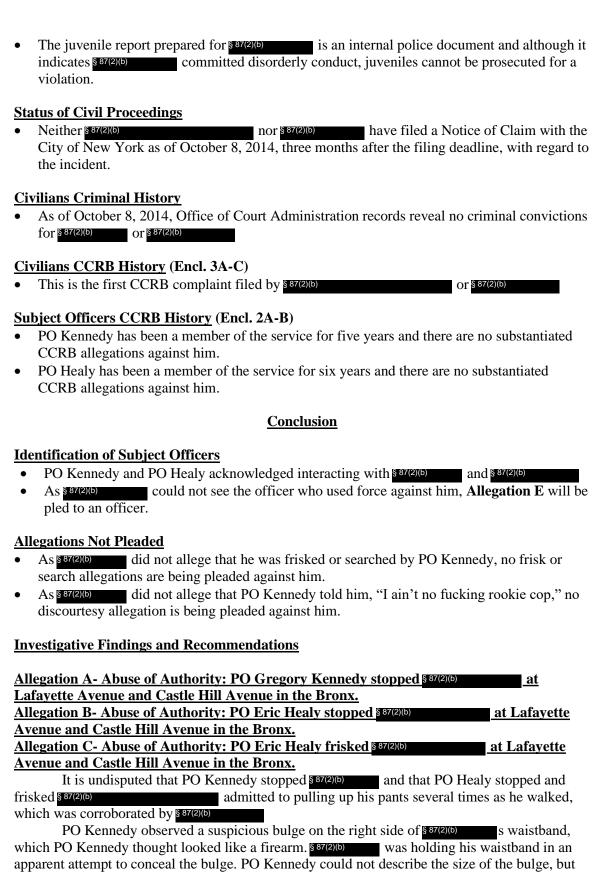
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Once inside the police vehicle, PO Kennedy asked \$87(2)(b) for his pedigree information and attempted to explain why they were being transported to the stationhouse. PO Kennedy did not recall if \$87(2)(b) asked him not to curse and he did not tell \$87(2)(b) "I don't know why you niggers think you're fucking lawyers."  At the stationhouse, PO Kennedy brought \$87(2)(b) in front of the desk and lodged him in. \$87(2)(b) was brought to the Juvenile Room. PO Kennedy did not put his hand over \$87(2)(b) s face and did not grab him by the neck.  Eventually, \$87(2)(b) was released with a summons for disorderly conduct, and a juvenile report was prepared for \$87(2)(b) PO Kennedy did not hear PO Healy tell \$87(2)(c) "Get your shit on. Your uncle is waiting for you."
Subject Officer: POLICE OFFICER ERIC HEALY
• At the time of the incident, PO Healy was a \$87(2)(b)
• PO Healy worked from 6 p.m. on April 10, 2014 until 6 p.m. the following day. He was assigned to Anti-Crime and worked with PO Gregory Kennedy. They were assigned to an unmarked patrol vehicle and were in plainclothes.
Memo Book (Encl. 10A-C) At 7:40 p.m., two individuals were placed under arrest for disorderly conduct. At 8:40 p.m., juvenile log number was generated and PO Kennedy issued a summons to p.m., two prisoners were released.
PO Healy was interviewed at the CCRB on October 7, 2014. His testimony was consistent with PO Kennedy's with discrepancies mentioned below.  PO Healy observed a heavy and bulky bulge, about the size of his service weapon, located in the front waistband area of \$37(2)(6) s pants, from across the street. PO Healy suspected that the bulge may have been a weapon, but could not describe the shape of the bulge or the type of clothing \$37(2)(6) was wearing. \$37(2)(6) did not make any movements towards the bulge and \$37(2)(6) did not make any movements as he walked. The area the two men were walking in was described as a high crime area with many instances of gun violence.
PO Healy observed \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(c) for about a minute before he and PO Kennedy approached the two men. PO Healy's intention upon stopping the men was to find out what the bulge was and confirm that it was not a weapon. PO Healy did not hear PO Kennedy tell \$87(2)(c) "I ain't no fucking rookie cop." PO Kennedy began to interact with \$97(2)(c) but PO Healy did not recall what was said. PO Healy did not recall if \$87(2)(c) was asked if he had any weapons. \$87(2)(c) became irate and said, "Stop and frisk is over."  PO Kennedy frisked the bulge and the surrounding area around the waistband of \$87(2)(c) so pands frisked \$87(2)(c) so

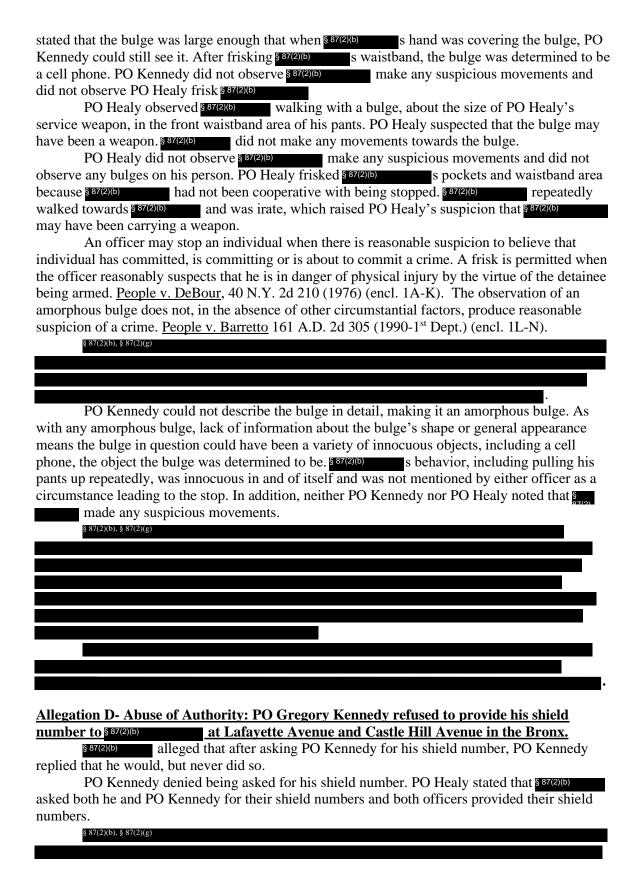
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resisted arrest by refusing to place his hands behind his back. Additional officers responded to the scene, but PO Healy could not recall who these officers were. PO Healy grabbed \$87(2)(b) s arms, hands and wrists and brought him to the ground along with the assistance of one of the responding officers. \$87(2)(b) s chest made contact with the ground. PO Healy did not lift up and throw him back down onto the ground and did not observe PO Kennedy do so. PO Healy did not observe PO Kennedy step on \$87(2)(b) s back.  \$87(2)(b) was placed in handcuffs and he and \$87(2)(b) were transported to the 43rd Precinct. \$87(2)(b) asked both PO Healy and PO Kennedy for their badge numbers and both officers provided their badge numbers. En route to the stationhouse, there was a verbal interaction between the officers and \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) but PO Healy did not recall what was said. PO Healy did not hear PO Kennedy tell \$87(2)(b) but PO Healy did not recall what was said. PO Healy did not observe PO Kennedy interact with \$87(2)(b) at the 43rd Precinct. PO Healy did not observe PO Kennedy place his hand over \$87(2)(b) s face or grab him by the neck. PO Healy lodged \$87(2)(b) in at the front desk and placed him in a cell. \$87(2)(b) was then taken into the Juvenile Room, where a juvenile report, the equivalent of a summons, was prepared by PO Healy for disorderly conduct.
Witness Officer: SERGEANT WILLIAMS JEAN-BAPTISTE
• At the time of the incident, Sgt. Jean-Baptiste was a \$57(2)(5)
• Sgt. Jean-Baptiste worked from 2:50 p.m. on April 10, 2014 until 1 a.m. the following day. He was assigned as the desk sergeant and did not have a partner. Sgt. Jean-Baptiste was in uniform.
Memo Book (Encl. 16A-C) As Sgt. Jean-Baptiste had a stationhouse assignment, he was not required to maintain memo book entries.
CCRB Testimony (Encl. 17A-C)
Sgt. Jean-Baptiste was interviewed at the CCRB on November 6, 2014.
Sgt. Jean-Baptiste had no recollection of this incident. When provided with a photo of and a brief description of the incident, Sgt. Jean-Baptiste still did not have any recollection of this incident. Sgt. Jean-Baptiste did not observe [887(2)(b)] in the 43 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct and did not observe him interact with any officers. Sgt. Jean-Baptiste did not observe PO Kennedy interact with any prisoners and did not observe him place his hand over [87(2)(b)] s face or grab him by the neck. Sgt. Jean-Baptiste did not observe any officer make contact with s neck or throat.
NYPD Documents
43 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct Command Log Entry (Encl. 18)  87(2)(b) and 87(2)(b) s arrests on April 10, 2014 were entered into the command log at 7:45 p.m. PO Kennedy was assigned the arrests. Both 87(2)(b) and 87(2)(b) s physical conditions were listed as apparently normal.
Summons/Juvenile Report for Incident and Disposition (Encl. 18A-D and 11A-D)  On \$87(2)(b) s summons was dismissed.
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Allegation I- Abuse of Authority: PO	Gregory Kennedy issued	a summons to § 87(2)(b)
he was being arrested and subsequently	asked PO Kennedy for his he stop, \$\frac{8}{87(2)(b)}\$ became a renot allowed to stop, quot caused multiple people to grounter. PO Healy stated that grounter are stopped by PO Kennedy. The stopped by PO Kennedy as a result of \$\frac{8}{87(2)(b)}\$ sorderly conduct was dismisserly conduct under New You'public harm" as a result of the situation must extend beyond or immediate public probability of the probability of the stopped s	e agitated and began screaming estion and frisk anymore," and gather around the situation and at \$87(2)(6) became irate and PO Healy also stated that a behavior.  ssed.  ork law, a court must look to f defendant's actions. Thus, for yond the individual disputants blem. People v. Fassinger, 42 tements using coarse language ocative acts or other nfer the presence of the "public
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